Silver, 5914c. per ounce. Lead, \$4.45 per 100 pounds. Copper, 1514c. per pound.

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GENERAL BULLER IS DEFEATED BY BOERS

England's Idolized Army Commander Compelled to Run From the Transvaal Forces.

Lost Eleven Guns and It Is Feared That the Casualties Are Heavy-Dismay in London.

London, Dec. 16, 12:47 a. m .- The war office has received a dispatch an-

sible to effect his object, he ordered a retirement in order to avoid greater The following is the text of General Buller's dispatch announcing his re-

"Chieveley Camp, Dec. 15, 6:20 p. 01.-I regret to report a serious reverse I moved in full strength from our camp near Chieveley at 4 o'clock this morning. There are two fordable places in the Tugois river, and it was my inten-

by a central brigade. General Hart was to attack the left drift, General Hilyard the right road, and General Littleton was to take the center and to support either. Early in the day I saw that General Hart would not be able tacked with great gallantry, and his leading battalion, the Conraught rangens, I fear, suffered a great deal. Colonel L. G. Brooke was seriously

"I then ordered General Hilyard to advance, which he did, and his lead-

Boers Opened a Terribly Deadly Fire.

, which they did in good order. Throughout the day a considerable force of the enemy was pressing on

my right flank, but was kept back by mounted men under Lord Dundonald and part of General Barton's brigade. The day was intensely hot, and most trying the troops, whose conduct was excellent

ENGLAND DEPRESSED

Indian Mutiny.

"At that moment I heard that the whole artillery I had sent to support twelve-pounder quick-tirers under Colonel Long, had advanced close to the y who moddenly opened a galling fire at close rang, killing all their horses teams got shelter for troops in a dongs, and desperate efforts were being made

The fire, however, was too severs, and only two were saved by Captain

Another most gallant attempt with three teams was made by an officer everal drivers were wounded, I would not allow another attempt, as it seemed that they would be a shell mark, sacrificing life to a galiant attempt to force the passage. Unsupported by artillery, I directed the troops to with-

We have abandoned ten guns, and lost by shell fire one. The losses in Genern) Hart's brigade are, I fear, very heavy, although the proportion of severely wounded, I hope is not large. The Fourteenth and Sixty-sixth field hatteries also suffered severe lesses. We have refired to our

OVER BULLER'S DEFEAT

The Most Serious Disaster Since the

Hard Fighting Is Looked For Near

Hard Fighting Is Looked For Near Colenso. 1

London, Dec. 15.—The artillery firing heard near Colenso is taken to indicate a preliminary to the expected big battle. General Barton is reported to have thirty-eight guna in good positions, and the Boers are apparently pursuing the same tactics as at Magersfontein, not replying, with the view of concealing their position until the infantry is brought into play.

It was feared that the first war office dispatch announcing fighting at Zoutspan Drift indicates that General Methuen had been forced to return to the Grange river. But apparently it only involved a brush with the troops protesting the line of communication, as Zoutspan Drift is considerably southwest of the Orange river base. Some of the specials estimate the Boer loss at Magersfontein at 2,000 men.

Considerable satisfaction is felt, both in military and civilian circies, by the announcement that General Hector McDonald, whose splendid defeat of the dervishes' fiank at Omdurman turned a critical situation into a British victory, has been ordered to leave India Immediately to succeed the late General Wuchope in command of the Highland brigade. General Tucker, commanding at Zecunderabad, has also been ordered to the Cape to command a division.

A special dispatch received here to-

nently died of their wounds: Colo-Downman and Lieutenant Camp-

The war office this afternoon received an unimportant dispatch from
leneral Buller, under today's date. This
ndirectly gives the quietus to the rumor of the relief of Ladysmith.
The war office has a dispatch from
Solomel Kekewick, dated Kimberley,
Sunday, Dec. 10, saying:
"The Boers have reattacked Kuruman, and have again been repulsed by
Oyallists and Bechuanas.
"The Kimberley forces made a demmistration northward Dec. 9, and drew
00 Boers and three guns. Fighting
ensued for several hours. The British
asualities were one man killed and
seven wounded."

ving dispatch from the officer com-inding at Orange river, Thursday,

the strength of the enemy reported to be holding the Drift. The mounted in-fanity found a strong detachment of the enemy at the Drift, and a sharp en-gagement ensued. The enemy ulti-mately retreated to Goemansburg. Captain Bradshaw and three men were killed. Lieutenant Gregson of the East Kents and seven men were wounded. The Boers had five men killed and sev-eral wounded."

FIGHTING IS RENEWED.

British Said to Have Had 2,000 Men

toria, Dec. 12.—The following announcement has been ma



Philadelphia Gets Next Republican
National Convention.

If WILL BE HELD JUNE 19

CHICAGO WAS THE ONLY SEBIOUS COMPETITOR.

Won By Narrow Margin of One Vote
—Proceedings of National Committee Meeting Held In Washington—Chairman Hanna Presided—Will Call On President Today.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The national Republican convention by the national Republican committee today after a friendly contest for the honor of entertaining the convention between the city selected. Chicago National Convention Provided Pr

PAYNE BACKS DOWN. Will Not Press His Resolution at This Meeting.

Philadelphis, Dec. 15.—Within a haif hour after the national committee at Washington had decided to hold the convention in this city, telegrams began pouring into the hotels asking that received hair the people of his district would speedily rebuke him by recipal to the hotels asking that received hair her people on the chairman of the Republican national committee. Mr. Hanna, who requested that an entire floor of the Hotel Believue be reserved for him.

The convention will be held in the large auditorium of the recent National Export exposition. At present the big hall has a seating capacity for \$,000 persons, but this will be enlarged to accommodate at least 18,000.

The convention hall is located in The convention hall is located in Taylor and the plain people on the other. But despite this, he said, Governor Goebel would yet be seated. "Yes, I use the word advisedly," proceeded Mr. Wheeler declared that Mr. Berry represented neither Kentucky nor her second that the people of his district would speedily rebuke him by retring the top of Taylor he asserted had been bought and pald for with a railroad on the plain people on the owner of the control of the control of the control of the control of the plain of the people of the second of the plain of the plain of the recent National Export exposition. At present the big hall has a seating capacity for \$,000 persons, but this will be enlarged to accommodate at least 18,000.

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Canterbury, just published, shows an interesting letter which the Prince of Wales wrote to him after the Tranbycroft scandal. It is as follows:

"My Dear Archbishop—Four kind letter has touched me, as I know the kind feelings which prompted you to write to me on the subject which we have discussed together, and which, as you are aware, has caused me deep pain and annoyance. A recent trial which no one deplores more than I do, and which I was powerless to prevent, gave the feason for the press to make most bitter and unjust attacks upon me, knowing I was defenseless, and I am not sure

politics were not mixed up in it.

'The whole matter has now died out, and I think, therefore, that it would be inopportune for me in any public manner to allude again to the painful subject which has brought such a torrent of abuse upon me, not only by the press, but by the low church, and especially the non-conformists. They have

press, but by the low church, and especially the non-conformists. They have a perfect right, I am well aware, in a free country like our own, to express their opinions, but I do not consider that they have a just right to jump at conclusions regarding myself without knowing the facts.

"I have a horror of gambling, and should always do my utmost to discourage others who have an inclination for it, as I consider flast gambling, like intemperance, is one of the greatest curses which a country could be afficited with. Horse racing may produce gambling, or it may not, but I have always looked upon it as a manly sport, which is popular with Englishmen of all classes, and there is no reason why it should be looked upon as a gambling transaction. Alas, those who will gamble, will gamble at anything.

"I have written quite openly to you, my dear archbishop, whom I have had the advantage of knowing so many years. Believe me sincerely yours,

"Royal Yacht Osborne, Cowes."

"ALBERT EDWARD.

Oratory On Currency Bill Brought to a Close.

WILL TAKE VOTE MONDAY

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS INTER RUPTED BY A CLASH.

Warm Dispute Over the Recent Election, Which Assumed a Persenal Aspect-Little Interest Is Shown In the Debate.

financial bill proved to be one of ex-ceptional interest. At the outset a sharp personal colloquy occurred be-

time-honored and undying Democratic

In marked contrast with Mr. Bailey's utterances, Mr. Schidder of New York, who followed him, announced as a Democrat he believed in the gold standard and would vote for it. Mr. Payne of New York and Mr. Daizeft of Pennsylvania, also spoke during the day. The debate under the five-minute rule occurs tomorrow.

Mr. Jones (Va.), opened the debate in opposition to the bill. After Messra, Rhea (Ky.), and Williams (Ilis.), had spoken against the bill the secenity of the debate was unexpectedly interrupted by a rather semantional personal

FATAL TRAIN WRECK IN IDAHO

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TWO ENGINEERS, A FIREMAN
AND BRAKEMAN KILLED.

Rails Were Slippery and the Train
Got Beyond Control of Crew on a
Down Grade.

FATAL TRAIN WRECK IN IDAHO

elected, that he had secured by irregular methods a certificate of election, but when the calcium light of the courts was turned on this proceeding. It would be william Goebel who would be seated in the executive chair.

Colonel Berry was quickly on his feet as Mr. Wheeler closed and responded savagely, personally, and with much feeling. He said the speech just heard was typical of the intolerance of that Kentucky element which did not brook any freedom of opinion. He did not need the influence of the gentleman or his backers. Four times he has been sent here, and he would return again. Shaking his finger at Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Berry exclaimed:

Mr. Builey Speaks.

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Mr. Bailey (Tex.), received close attention from both sides when he spoke. He said a remarkable spectacle was presented by the debate on this bill. He recalled that when in the Fifty-fourth congress Mr. Towne asserted that the Republican party had never declared for a gold standard, the congressional record showed that he was interrupted by many Republicans with the exclamation:

"And it never will."

Mr. Bailey said the Republican side was so busy studying the trend of events that it had no time to study the science of money. While the first section of this bill purported to establish the gold standard, the law of 1875 fixed the gold dollar as the unit of value. This bill was, therefore, simply a re-enactment put forward to make people believe comething new and wise was being dane.

When Mr. Bailey referred to the increased production of gold, Mr. Dailell interruptibl to ask if in view of this increased supply of gold, Mr. Bailey still believed in silver at 18 to 1. The Texan responded emphatically in

A Progressive Party.

Mr. Dairell (Pa.), said the Republican party was a progressive party: It was ready to meet the needs and demands of the present. Mr. Dairell reforced to the published intertiew "of that gentleman who has made demangquery a profession" during his wanderings in Texas, that the pending bill should be defeated because it was not in the interest of the Democratic party.

Mr. Richardson (Tenna), sharply questioned this statement saying the reference had been to the "Democracy" and not to the "Democratic party.

Mr. Bellamy (N. C.), spoke against the bill.

FAMILY WAS DESTITUTE.

In Starving Condition.

UNITED VERDE CASE. Argument On Application For

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Republican National Committee

Passes Resolutions of Synapathy.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The Republican
national committee

PRINCE OF WALES SAYS HE

HAS A HORROR OF GAMBLING

Contenting when the
Has a Horror of Columbia.

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